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SUBJECT: 24TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: AGENDA ITEM 4, DECISION
ADOPTED BY WORKING GROUP

A) GENEVA 5250 B) GENEVA 5312 C) GENEVA 5337 D) GENEVA 5354
E) GENEVA 5360 F) STATE 153484

WORKING GROUP ADOPTED MORNING OF 7/1/77 FOLLOWING DECISION
ON AGENDA ITEM 4 (USDEL COMMENTS TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL):

"THE GOVERNING COUNCIL,
TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR ON THE
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF UNDP (DP/261) AND OF THE OBSERVATIONS
MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL DURING THE CONSIDERATION OF
THAT ITEM AND NOTING ALSO THE OBSERVATIONS MADE BY THE AGENCIES
IN THE COUNCIL(S) DELIBERATIONS,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE EXTENSIVE EFFORTS OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR TO ASSOCIATE THE PARTICIPATING AND EXECUTING
AGENCIES IN THE DISCUSSION OF UNDP'S ROLE AND ACTIVITIES,
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RECALLING THE DECISIONS OF THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL
SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,

TAKING NOTE THAT GOVERNMENTS, IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
FORA, HAVE REITERATED THEIR COMMITMENT TO ACCELERATE THE SOCIAL
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO

ELIMINATE INJUSTICE AND INEQUALITY WHICH AFFLICT VAST SECTIONS OF HUMANITY.

EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW DIMENSIONS AS DEFINED AT ITS TWENTIETH SESSION AS WELL AS PROMOTING TCDC,

UNDERSCORING THE IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE IPFS FOR THE SECOND CYCLE,

RE-EMPHASING THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE RESOURCES OF THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE UTILIZED FOR THE MAXIMUM AND EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION SERVICES,

REITERATING THE CONCERN EXPRESSED AT ITS TWENTY-SECOND SESSION ABOUT IMPROVING HEADQUARTERS AND FIELD CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE ROLE OF THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSENSUS OF 1970, AND TAKING NOTE IN PARTICULAR OF THE DECISIONS OF THAT SESSION ON THE QUALITY AND RELEVANCE OF THE PROGRAMME,

REITERATING ALSO THE NEED TO ENSURE AN INTEGRATED AND INTER-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD,
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RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF UNDP IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE WORK OF THE PROGRAMME.

A. REAFFIRMS THE VALIDITY OF THE CONSENSUS OF 1970,

B. REITERATES THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF GOVERNMENTS TO DETERMINE THEIR DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES,

C. ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING:

(I) MULTILATERAL TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED CLEARLY AND EXCLUSIVELY TOWARDS THE GOAL OF NATIONAL AND COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(II) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES OF UNDP SHOULD BE INCREASINGLY ORIENTED TO BRING ABOUT TANGIBLE TRANSFERS OF TECHNOLOGY, SKILLS AND KNOW-HOW TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(III) THE CONCEPTUAL GOALS OF NEW DIMENSIONS AND TCDC SHOULD BE TRANSLATED INTO OPERATIONAL AND CONCRETE PROGRAMMES COVERING THE RANGE OF PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(IV) THE ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO INTRODUCE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE UNDP TO ENHANCE ITS DYNAMISM AND EFFECTIVENESS AND TO MAKE THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES AND WORKING METHODS OF THE PROGRAMME MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE CHANGING NEEDS AND PRIORITIES EMERGING FROM NEW ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(V) THE UNDP AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SHOULD EXPLORE TOGETHER, IN ACTIVE CONSULTATION WITH BOTH DONOR AND THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS, HOW BEST THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM COULD EFFECTIVELY ASSIST THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN MEETING THEIR DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION, BEARING IN MIND THAT NEED FOR INCREASING ASSISTANCE
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FOR THEIR PRIORITY PROGRAMMES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POORER SECTORS;

(VI) AS THE CENTRAL FUNDING BODY FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, UNDP SHOULD CONTINUE TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AND MANAGE THEM EFFICIENTLY TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO THE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(VII) IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION OPERATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, THE ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD, IN FULL CO-OPERATION WITH THE PARTICIPATING AND EXECUTING AGENCIES, FURTHER DEVELOP EXISTING FUNCTIONS OF PLANNING, APPRAISAL AND EVALUATION OF OPERATIONS OF THIS KIND CARRIED OUT UNDER UNDP PROGRAMMES, TO CONSOLIDATE THEM INTO A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF ANALYSIS AND FEEDBACK, SO AS TO ENSURE THE OPTIMAL USE OF RESOURCES AND A FLEXIBLE SYSTEM OF PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT SUITED TO EACH PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCE;

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(VIII) THE ADMINISTRATOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
EXECUTING AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE IACB AND ITS
SUBSIDIARY ORGANS, SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY
OF HARMONIZED FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY, PERSONNEL AND PLANNING
PROCEDURES FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM;

(IX) WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE
PROGRAMME AND ITS RELEVANCE TO THE NEEDS OF ALL DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, THE UNDP AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, SHOULD
CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO MEET THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF
THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE NEWLY-INDEPENDENT
COUNTRIES;

(X) UNDP SHOULD AIM AT FURTHER STRENGTHENING ITS
UNIVERSAL CHARACTER OF THE PROGRAMME BY UTILIZING THE
EXPERIENCE AND CAPACITIES OF THE WIDEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF
COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, FOR
TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION IN ALL ITS FIELDS AND GEOGRAPHICAL
AREAS;

D. INVITES THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE EXECUTING AGENCIES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVE SUBSTANTIVE
CO-ORDINATION OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ON THE BASIS OF
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THE CONSENSUS OF 1970, AND BY MEANS OF:

(I) PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT OF THE COUNTRY AND INTER-
COUNTRY PROGRAMMING PROCESS INCLUDING, IN PARTICULAR, THE
IMPLEMENTATION PHASE, FOR THIS PURPOSE STUDYING FURTHER THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT
IN THE LIGHT OF THE COMMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THE
UNDP ADMINISTRATOR AND EXECUTING AGENCIES ON THIS SUBJECT;

(II) FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF CO-ORDINATION AT THE FIELD
LEVEL, WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING THE IMPACT OF THE
CO-OPERATION PROVIDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN SUPPORT
OF THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT THE ROLE OF THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AS

LEADING PARTNER WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL AS STIPULATED IN THE CONSENSUS OF 1970, ENDORSED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2688 (XXV);

(III) WHERE GOVERNMENTS SO DESIRE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSENSUS, THE EXPANSION OF THE COUNTRY PROGRAMMING FRAMEWORK.

E. APPEALS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS:

(I) TO INCREASE THEIR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE MAXIMUM, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING AND, IF POSSIBLE, EVEN EXCEEDING THE OVERALL GROWTH RATE OF 14 PER CENT ON WHICH THE IPFS FOR THE SECOND CYCLE ARE PREDICTED;

(II) TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING INDICATIONS OF CONTRIBUTIONS OVER A MULTIYEAR PERIOD;

(III) TO CONTRIBUTE TO MAINTAINING THE COHERENCE
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OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM BY AVOIDING THE CREATION OF NEW TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FUNDS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IF SUCH CO-OPERATION CAN BE ADEQUATELY UNDERTAKEN BY UNDP AND, WHEREVER FEASIBLE, AND BY PUTTING SUCH EXISTING FUNDS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME;

(IV) TO BEAR IN MIND THE NEED FOR COHERENCE IN THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM AS STATED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2688 (XXV) OF 11 DECEMBER 1970 AND 31/171 OF 21 DECEMBER 1976 IN THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING ALSO THEIR GOVERNING BODIES;

(V) TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WHICH ACCRUE TO THE PROGRAMME OVER AND ABOVE THE PROJECTED RESOURCES FOR THE SECOND CYCLE SHOULD, BY DECISION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN EACH CASE, BE ALLOCATED WITHER TO THE PROGRAMME RESERVE TO BE USED PRUDENTLY FOR SPECIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY PURPOSES ABOVE IPF LEVELS OR , IF REQUIRED, TO THE OPERATIONAL RESERVE TO PROTECT AGAINST FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE FUU THIS SHOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE DECISION TO BE TAKEN ON THE EXPERT VARIANCE ACCOUNT DEFICIT DURING THE MID-TERM REVIEW;

F. REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR;

(I) TO INVITE FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS WITH A VIEW TO EQUITABLE SHARING OF THE RESPON-

SIBILITY FOR PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR THE PROGRAMME AND TO ACHIEVING, IF POSSIBLE, A MULTIYEAR FINANCIAL BASIS FOR THE PROGRAMME, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES BEARING IN MIND THE VOLUNTARY NATURE OF THE PROGRAMME RESOURCES, AND THE OVERALL FLOW OF REAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

(II) TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR COST SHARING
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AND THIRD PARTY COST SHARING WITHIN GIVEN LIMITS, PRESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS OF THE REPORT OF THE BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE;

(III) TO ENCOURAGE THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE IN A POSITION TO DO SO TO ACHIEVE NET CONTRIBUTOR STATUS BY EITHER INCREASING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS OR FOREGOING THEIR IPFS;

(IV) TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE PROGRAMME, THEREBY MAKING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

G. REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FOREGOING CONSIDERATIONS, TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

H. INVITES ECOSOC AT ITS 63RD SESSION TO GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THIS DECISION."SORENSEN

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